

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF AUGUST 23, 1939.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, August 23, 1939.

Present:
Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller

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The Board took up for consideration the sponsorship of certain Projects in the State of Maryland, for which the Works Projects Administration of the Federal Government is willing to make available to the State of Maryland the sum of \$ 174,820.00 , to take care of the emergencies which might arise due to fires, floods etc., provided the State agrees, prior to August 31, 1939, to sponsor the Projects.

In view of the apparent desirability of having this money made available to the State, the Board accepted the offer of the Works Projects Administration and executed the documents submitted for the signatures of the Governor and the Comptroller.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of compensation for the Law firm of Marbury, Gosnell & Williams for furnishing opinions as to the validity of the General Bond Issue of 1939, particularly the installment of August 15, 1939, which was recently sold and delivered to Blyth & Co., Inc., purchasers of the bonds.

The Board agreed to compensate the Attorneys for the opinion rendered as to the August 15, 1939 installment, and for the further installments of February 15, 1940 and August 15, 1940 as follows:

Installment of August 15, 1939	\$1,500.00
Installment of February 15, 1940	250.00
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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a memorandum written by Captain LeRoy Reinburg, U.S. Coast Guard, Curtis Bay, Maryland, advising that the U.S. Coast Guard proposes to place a concrete bridge across Arundel Cove at the northeastern boundary of the Coast Guard Reservation to connect the two plots of ground owned by the United States Government, and used as a Depot or Base for the Coast Guard ships that are stationed on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, and requesting approval of the Board of Public Works to the construction of the bridge by the Federal Government.

The Board approved the request.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Mr. Ignatius Bjorlee, Superintendent of the Maryland State School for the Deaf, in which request was made that the school be authorized to proceed with the extension of and the renewing of its house telephone system, at an approximate cost of \$950.00, for which an appropriation of \$1,000.00 is included in the General Bond Issue of 1939. Mr. Bjorlee requested, if possible, that prompt approval be given to his request so that the work could be proceeded with at this time and be completed for the opening of the school in September.

The request was approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, relative to the leasing of space for the Department of Budget and Procurement, and submitting with his letter a proposed lease between Herbert L. Bowen and the Department of Budget and Procurement, covering a one story brick warehouse building at the corner of Russell and Carey Streets, Baltimore, the lease calling for a term of five years, to commence on the first day of October, 1939, at a rental of \$4,800.00 per annum, payable in equal monthly installments of \$400.00 in advance, on the first day of each month. The proposed lease was submitted by Mr. Kirkman to the State Law Department and was approved as to form and legality by that Department.

The Board approved the proposed lease and authorized the execution of it by Mr. Kirkman.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Boyd B. Graham, of the Law firm of Marbury, Gosnell & Williams, relative to the employment of an architect in connection with the construction of a gymnasium building at St. Mary's Female Seminary. The Board of Trustees of the Seminary had authorized Mr. F.L.W. Moehle and Associates to prepare plans and specifications for the building, but this being contrary to the instructions of the Board of Public Works, that no commitments be made by any State Agency as to funds to be available to them out of the General Bond Issue of 1939. The Board has previously requested information of the Trustess of St. Mary's Female Seminary as to why any commitments had been made to these architects without first having secured the approval of the Board of Public Works thereto. Mr. Graham requested the Board to permit him and Mr. Moehle to appear before the Board with the view to presenting Mr. Moehle's claim for approval by the Board for the work to be done.

The Board agreed to allow Mr. Moehle and his attorney to appear before it at a later date.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Edwin Warfield, Jr., Chairman of the Conservation Department, and copy of letter addressed to the Conservation Department by Mr. J. Dale Showell, Jr., Ocean City, Maryland, relative to Mr. Showell's request that the State permit the use, by him, of Inlet Island, the first island from the inlet south opposite Coffis' point or at the old inlet.

The Board decided to let the Conservation Department use its judgment in this matter, and if it is desired to allow Mr. Showell the use of the island then it will be agreeable to do this, under such terms and conditions as the Conservation Department might desire, with the understanding that any permission given to Mr. Showell would be revocable at will.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Unemployment Compensation Board, relative to a lease which the Unemployment Compensation Board had made with L.W. Gunby Company, Salisbury, for space in a building owned by that company at Salisbury. The lease had been before the Board for consideration at a meeting on August 2, at which time the Board suggested that the lease be returned to the Unemployment Compensation Board with instructions that the standard form of lease, approved by the State Law Department, be used in this case. The Unemployment Compensation Board, in its letter of August 17, stated to the Board that the lease which had been submitted to the Board for approval, at the meeting on August 2, 1939, had previously been approved by the State Law Department as to the form and legality, and requested that, because of such approval and because of the difficulty which might be encountered with the Social Security Board in Washington, which had already approved the lease, the Board of Public Works approve the lease as submitted without requiring the re-writing of it on the standard form.

In view of the circumstances the Board approved the lease as previously submitted to it at its meeting on August 2, 1939.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the State Roads Commission, dated August 21, 1939, submitting for execution by the Board a deed between the State Roads Commission and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, by which instrument it is intended to convey to the said railroad company, in fee simple, a piece or parcel of land lying in the thirteenth election district of Baltimore County. The reason for the transfer of the land is explained in the Commission's letter of August 21.

The request of the State Roads Commission for the execution of the deed by the Board of Public Works was approved, and the members were authorized to sign it.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the State Roads Commission, dated August 21, 1939, submitting for execution by the Board a deed dated the 15th day of August, 1939, from the State Roads Commission to Mabel M. Thomey, conveying to Mabel M. Thomey, in fee simple, subject to certain rights and easements expressly reserved in the said deed, all of that piece or parcel of land in Baltimore County, as fully described in the deed. The reasons for the conveyance of the property are set forth in the Commission's letter of August 21.

The Board approved the request of the State Roads Commission that the deed be executed, and the members were authorized to sign the deed.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Crownsville State Hospital that it be authorized to employ the firm of Crisp and Edmunds, architects, for the preparation of plans and specifications for new buildings at the institution, for which appropriations are made in the General Bond Issue of 1939,

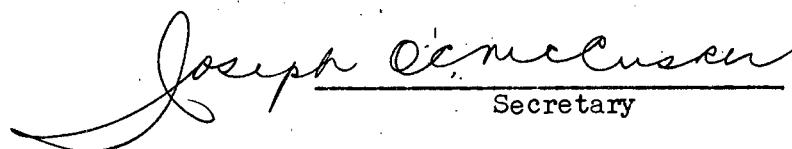
The request was approved.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the deed conveying to the Bata Shoe Company, Inc., certain parcels of land in Harford County, which were acquired in connection with the location of the new Philadelphia Road, and which are not needed for road purposes. A letter explaining that the Commission had agreed to deed this land to the Bata Shoe Company was submitted to the Board for its consideration, but since the letter to the Board referred to an agreement entered into between the State Roads Commission and the Bata Shoe Company the Board felt that it should know something about the agreement before it executed the deed, and requested the Secretary to secure, from the State Roads Commission, a copy of the agreement or explanation of the items covered by it.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary